

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5-35, 74-80, and 85-94 pursuant to the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,312,379.

In order to expedite allowance of a patent based on the above captioned application, a Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed. The Terminal Disclaimer conforms with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(b). The assignee of the above referenced application and U.S. Patent No. 6,312,379 is Acuson Corporation. By filing the Terminal Disclaimer to expedite issuance, Applicants are not admitting that any of the claims of the above referenced application are obvious in light of the claims of either of these patents.

CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (650) 943-7350 or Craig Summerfield at (312) 321-4726.

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